

Problem 1

Use Golden Section Search to determine (within an interval of 0.8) the optimal solution to

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & x^2 + 2x \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & -3 \leq x \leq 3 \end{aligned}$$

Check your results by writing a code in MATLAB.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 3 - 0.618 * (3 - (-3)) = -0.708 \\ x_2 &= -3 + 0.618 * (3 - (-3)) = 0.708 \\ f(x_1) &< f(x_2); f(x_1) = -0.9147, f(x_2) = 1.9173, \\ I_1 &= (-3, 0.708) \\ L_1 &= 0.708 - (-3) = 3.708 \\ x_3 &= 0.708 - 0.618 * 3.708 = -1.5835 \\ x_4 &= -0.708 \\ f(x_3) &> f(x_4); f(x_3) = -0.6595, f(x_4) = -0.9147 \\ I_2 &= (-1.5835, 0.708) \\ L_2 &= 0.708 - (-1.5835) = 2.2915 \\ x_5 &= -0.708 \\ x_6 &= -0.1674 \\ f(x_5) &< f(x_6); f(x_5) = -0.9147, f(x_6) = -0.3068 \\ I_3 &= (-1.5838, -0.1674) \\ L_3 &= -0.1674 - (-1.5838) = 1.4164 \\ x_7 &= -0.1674 - 0.618 * 1.416 = -1.0425 \\ x_8 &= -0.708 \\ f(x_7) &< f(x_8); f(x_7) = -0.9982, f(x_8) = -0.9147 \\ I_4 &= (-1.5838, -0.708) \\ L_4 &= (-0.708 - (-1.5838)) = 0.8758 \\ x_9 &= -0.708 - 0.618 * 0.8758 = -1.2492 \\ x_{10} &= -1.0425 \\ f(x_9) &> f(x_{10}); f(x_9) = -0.9379, f(x_{10}) = -0.9982 \\ I_5 &= (-1.2492, -0.708) \\ L_5 &= (-0.708 - (-1.2492)) = 0.5412 < 0.8 \\ x^* &\in (-1.2492, -0.708) \end{aligned}$$

- Using Matlab:

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1 iteration: 0
2 interval:(-3,3),x1=-0.708204,x2=0.708204,f(x1)=-0.914855,f
  (x2)=1.91796,length=6
3 iteration: 1
4 interval:(-3,0.708204),x1=-1.58359,x2=-0.708204,f(x1)
  =-0.65942,f(x2)=-0.914855,length=3.7082
5 iteration: 2
6 interval:(-1.58359,0.708204),x1=-0.708204,x2=-0.167184,f(
  x1)=-0.914855,f(x2)=-0.306418,length=2.2918
7 iteration: 3
8 interval:(-1.58359,-0.167184),x1=-1.04257,x2=-0.708204,f(
  x1)=-0.998188,f(x2)=-0.914855,length=1.41641
9 iteration: 4
10 interval:(-1.58359,-0.708204),x1=-1.24922,x2=-1.04257,f(x1
  )=-0.937888,f(x2)=-0.998188,length=0.875388
11 iteration: 5
12 interval:(-1.24922,-0.708204),x1=-1.04257,x2=-0.914855,f(
  x1)=-0.998188,f(x2)=-0.99275,length=0.54102
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Problem 2

Consider the minimization of the function

$$f(x) = (10x^3 + 3x^2 + x + 5)^2$$

Use Swanns search to bound the minimum starting at

(a) $x_0 = 0, \Delta = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_0 + \delta) &= 361 \\ f(x_0) &= 25 \\ f(x_0 - \delta) &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

So we will continue our search on the left of the axial.

$$\begin{aligned} x_k &= x_{k-1} + 2^k \Delta \\ x_1 &= -1 - 2 = -3; \\ f(-3) &= 58081 \end{aligned}$$

So we get our optimal minimum at interval $(-3, 0)$

(b) $x_0 = 0, \Delta = 5$

$$f(x_0 + \delta) = 1782225$$

$$f(x_0 - \delta) = 1380625$$

Compare the two bounds and comment From (a) we get the bound $x^* \in (-3, 0)$ which is better than (b) whose bound is $x^* \in (-5, 5)$

Problem 3

Use the best bound obtained in problem 2 to carry out a single variable search to minimize $f(x)$ by (a) golden section and (b) interval halving. Each search method is to use 5 functional evaluations only. Compare the final search intervals obtained by the two methods.

we minimize function $f(x) = (10x^3 + 3x^2 + x + 5)^2$, with $x^* \in (-3, 0)$ by golden section and interval halving within 5 functional evaluations.

(a) Golden section

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1  interation: 0
2  interval:(-3,0), x1=-1.8541, x2=-1.1459, f(x1)=2528.02, f(x2)
   =52.6094, length=3
3  interation: 1
4  interval:(-1.8541,0), x1=-1.1459, x2=-0.708204, f(x1)
   =52.6094, f(x2)=5.0375, length=1.8541
5  interation: 2
6  interval:(-1.1459,0), x1=-0.708204, x2=-0.437694, f(x1)
   =5.0375, f(x2)=18.4772, length=1.1459
7  interation: 3
8  interval:(-1.1459,-0.437694), x1=-0.875388, x2=-0.708204, f(
   x1)=0.0810051, f(x2)=5.0375, length=0.708204
9  interation: 4
10 interval:(-1.1459,-0.708204), x1=-0.978714, x2=-0.875388, f(
   x1)=6.15031, f(x2)=0.0810051, length=0.437694
11 interation: 5
12 interval:(-0.978714,-0.708204), x1=-0.875388, x2=-0.811529, f(
   x1)=0.0810051, f(x2)=0.671808, length=0.27051
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(b) Interval Halving

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1  interation: 0, RF=0
2  interval:(-3,0), x1=-2.25, xm=-1.5, x2=-0.75, f(x1)=9210, f(xm)
   =552.25, f(x2)=2.9541, length=3
3  interation: 1, RF=2
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4 interval:(-1.5,0),x1=-1.125,xm=-0.75,x2=-0.375,f(x1)
   =43.1177,f(xm)=2.9541,f(x2)=20.4262,length=1.5
5 iteration: 2,RF=4
6 interval:(-1.125,-0.375),x1=-0.9375,xm=-0.75,x2=-0.5625,f(
   x1)=2.37322,f(xm)=2.9541,f(x2)=13.01,length=0.75
7 iteration: 3, RF=5
8 interval:(-1.125,-0.75),x1=-1.03125,xm=-0.9375,x2
   =-0.84375,f(x1)=14.5003,f(xm)=2.37322,f(x2)=0.0813489,
   length=0.375
9 iteration: 4,RF=7
10 interval:(-0.9375,-0.75),x1=-0.890625,xm=-0.84375,x2
   =-0.796875,f(x1)=0.331245,f(xm)=0.0813489,f(x2)
   =1.09814,length=0.1875
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The fractional reduction of golden research is $0.27051/3 = 0.0902$; the interval halving's RF is $0.375/3 = 0.125$.

Problem 4

(a) Using Golden Section Search and 10 functional evaluations, what is the interval reduction we can achieve?

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1 iteration: 0
2 interval:(-3,0),x1=-1.8541,x2=-1.1459,f(x1)=2528.02,f(x2)
   =52.6094,length=3
3 iteration: 1
4 interval:(-1.8541,0),x1=-1.1459,x2=-0.708204,f(x1)
   =52.6094,f(x2)=5.0375,length=1.8541
5 iteration: 2
6 interval:(-1.1459,0),x1=-0.708204,x2=-0.437694,f(x1)
   =5.0375,f(x2)=18.4772,length=1.1459
7 iteration: 3
8 interval:(-1.1459,-0.437694),x1=-0.875388,x2=-0.708204,f(
   x1)=0.0810051,f(x2)=5.0375,length=0.708204
9 iteration: 4
10 interval:(-1.1459,-0.708204),x1=-0.978714,x2=-0.875388,f(
   x1)=6.15031,f(x2)=0.0810051,length=0.437694
11 iteration: 5
12 interval:(-0.978714,-0.708204),x1=-0.875388,x2=-0.811529,f(
   x1)=0.0810051,f(x2)=0.671808,length=0.27051
13 iteration: 6
14 interval:(-0.978714,-0.811529),x1=-0.914855,x2=-0.875388,f(
   x1)=1.1256,f(x2)=0.0810051,length=0.167184
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15 interation: 7
16 interval:(-0.914855, -0.811529), x1=-0.875388, x2=-0.850996, f
    (x1)=0.0810051, f(x2)=0.025191, length=0.103326
17 interation: 8
18 interval:(-0.875388, -0.811529), x1=-0.850996, x2=-0.835921, f
    (x1)=0.025191, f(x2)=0.175771, length=0.0638587
19 interation: 9
20 interval:(-0.875388, -0.835921), x1=-0.860313, x2=-0.850996, f
    (x1)=5.48891e-05, f(x2)=0.025191, length=0.0394669
21 interation: 10
22 interval:(-0.875388, -0.850996), x1=-0.866071, x2=-0.860313, f
    (x1)=0.0125567, f(x2)=5.48891e-05, length=0.0243919

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After 10 functional evaluations, our interval length becomes to 0.0243919.

- (b) For achieving the same interval reduction, how many function evaluations would be needed in the interval-halving method?

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1 interation: 0, RF=0
2 interval:(-3, 0), x1=-2.25, xm=-1.5, x2=-0.75, f(x1)=9210, f(xm)
    =552.25, f(x2)=2.9541, length=3
3 interation: 1, RF=2
4 interval:(-1.5, 0), x1=-1.125, xm=-0.75, x2=-0.375, f(x1)
    =43.1177, f(xm)=2.9541, f(x2)=20.4262, length=1.5
5 interation: 2, RF=4
6 interval:(-1.125, -0.375), x1=-0.9375, xm=-0.75, x2=-0.5625, f(
    x1)=2.37322, f(xm)=2.9541, f(x2)=13.01, length=0.75
7 interation: 3, RF=5
8 interval:(-1.125, -0.75), x1=-1.03125, xm=-0.9375, x2
    =-0.84375, f(x1)=14.5003, f(xm)=2.37322, f(x2)=0.0813489,
    length=0.375
9 interation: 4, RF=7
10 interval:(-0.9375, -0.75), x1=-0.890625, xm=-0.84375, x2
    =-0.796875, f(x1)=0.331245, f(xm)=0.0813489, f(x2)
    =1.09814, length=0.1875
11 interation: 5, RF=9
12 interval:(-0.890625, -0.796875), x1=-0.867188, xm=-0.84375, x2
    =-0.820312, f(x1)=0.017561, f(xm)=0.0813489, f(x2)
    =0.46028, length=0.09375
13 interation: 6, RF=10
14 interval:(-0.890625, -0.84375), x1=-0.878906, xm=-0.867188, x2
    =-0.855469, f(x1)=0.123074, f(xm)=0.017561, f(x2)
    =0.00631424, length=0.046875
15 interation: 7, RF=12

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16 interval:(-0.867188,-0.84375),x1=-0.861328,xm=-0.855469,x2
    =-0.849609,f(x1)=0.000662737,f(xm)=0.00631424,f(x2)
    =0.0335299,length=0.0234375
17 interation: 8, RF=13
18 interval:(-0.867188,-0.855469),x1=-0.864258,xm=-0.861328,
    x2=-0.858398,f(x1)=0.00623057,f(xm)=0.000662737,f(x2)
    =0.000731947,length=0.0117188
19 interation: 9,RF=15
20 interval:(-0.864258,-0.858398),x1=-0.862793,xm=-0.861328,
    x2=-0.859863,f(x1)=0.00273421,f(xm)=0.000662737,f(x2)
    =4.96094e-07,length=0.00585938

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For interval-halving method, 12 function evaluations are needed to achieving the same interval reduction with $RF = 0.0081$. which is close to the theory equation from textbook that:

$$FR(N) = \begin{cases} (0.5)^{\frac{N}{2}} & \text{for Interval-halving method} \\ (0.618)^{N-1} & \text{for Golden section method} \end{cases}$$

Matlab Code

All 3 files can be download at my GitHub¹.

Function:

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1 function y=f(x)
2 %y = (10*x^3+3*x^2+x+5)^2;
3 y = x^2+2*x;
4 end

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Golden Section Search:

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1 % mailto:chao@ou.edu
2 % Golden Section Search for minimization of function f(x)
   within initial
3 % interval (a,b) at the accuracy value of epsilon.
4
5 % initial parameters
6 a = -3; % start of
   interval
7 b = 0; % end of
   interval
8 epsilon = 0.00001; % accuracy
   value

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¹<https://github.com/chao92/Engineering-Optimization>

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9  ratio = double((sqrt(5)-1)/2);           % golden
    proportion coefficient , aroud 0.618
10 k = 0;                                   % number of
    iterations
11 iter = 10;                               % maximun
    number of iterations
12
13 len = b-a;
14 x1 = b - ratio * len;                   % computing x1
    ;
15 x2 = a + ratio * len;                   % computing x2
    ;
16
17 f1=f(x1);
18 f2=f(x2);
19 RF=0;
20 fprintf(1, 'iteration: %d,RF=%d',k,RF);
21 fprintf(1, 'interval:(%g,%g),x1=%g,x2=%g,f(x1)=%g,f(x2)=%g,
    length=%g\n',a,b,x1,x2,f1,f2,len);
22 % search
23 while(((b-a) > epsilon) && (k<iter))
24
25     % evaluate f(x1) and f(x2)
26     if(f1<f2)                             % if f(x1)<f(
27         x2), then drop interval (x2,b);
28         b = x2;                             % repalce b
29         with x2;
30         len = x2-a;                         % length
31         becomes b-a=x2-a;
32         x2 = x1;                             % replace the
33         next iteration x2 with x1;
34         x1 = b - ratio * len;               % computing x1
35         using the equation of computing x1;
36         f1=f(x1);
37         f2=f(x2);
38         RF=RF+1;
39         k=k+1;
40         fprintf(1, 'iteration: %d,RF=%d',k,RF);
41         fprintf(1, 'interval:(%g,%g),x1=%g,x2=%g,f(x1)=%g,f
42         (x2)=%g,length=%g\n',a,b,x1,x2,f1,f2,len);
43     else
44
45         a = x1;

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40         len = b -a;
41         x1 = x2;
42         x2 = a + ratio * len;
43         f1=f(x1);
44         f2=f(x2);
45         RF=RF+1;
46         k=k+1;
47         fprintf(1, 'iteration: %d,RF=%d',k,RF);
48         fprintf(1, 'interval:(%g,%g),x1=%g,x2=%g,f(x1)=%g,f
           (x2)=%g,length=%g\n',a,b,x1,x2,f1,f2,len);
49     end
50
51 end
52 fprintf(1, 'iteration: %d,RF=%d',k,RF);
53 fprintf(1, 'interval:(%g,%g),x1=%g,x2=%g,f(x1)=%g,f(x2)=%g,
           length=%g\n',a,b,x1,x2,f1,f2,len);

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Interval-Halving Search:

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1 % mailto:chao@ou.edu
2 % Interval Halving Search for minimization of function f(x)
   within initial
3 % interval (a,b) at the accuracy value of epsilon.
4
5 a = -3;                               % start of
   interval
6 b = 0;                                 % end of
   interval
7 epsilon = 0.00001;                    % accuracy
   value
8 k = 0;                                 % number of
   iterations
9 iter = 10;                             % maximun
   number of iterations
10
11 len = b-a;
12 xm = (a + b)/2;
13 x1 = a+len/4;                          % computing x1
   ;
14 x2 = b-len/4;                          % computing x2
   ;
15 RF=0;
16 fm=f(xm);
17 f1=f(x1);

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18 f2=f(x2);
19 fprintf(1, 'iteration: %d,RF=%d\n',k,RF);
20 fprintf(1, 'interval:(%g,%g),x1=%g,xm=%g,x2=%g,f(x1)=%g,f(xm)=%g,
    g,f(x2)=%g,length=%g\n',a,b,x1,xm,x2,f1,fm,f2,len);
21 while(((b-a) > epsilon) && (k<iter))
22     %fprintf(1, 'iteration: %d\n',k);
23     % fprintf(1, 'interval:(%g,%g),x1=%g,xm=%g,x2=%g,f(x1)=%g,f
    (xm)=%g,f(x2)=%g,length=%g\n',a,b,x1,xm,x2,f1,fm,f2,len)
    ;
24     % evaluate f(x1) and f(x2)
25     if(f1<fm) % if f(x1)<f(
    xm), then drop half of the interval (xm,b);
26         b = xm;
27         xm = x1;
28
29         len = b-a;
30         x1 = a+len/4; % computing x1
31         ;
32         x2 = b-len/4; % computing x2
33         ;
34         fm=f(xm);
35         f1=f(x1);
36         f2=f(x2);
37         k=k+1;
38         RF=RF+1;
39         fprintf(1, 'iteration: %d, RF=%d\n',k,RF);
40         fprintf(1, 'interval:(%g,%g),x1=%g,xm=%g,x2=%g,f(x1)=%g
    ,f(xm)=%g,f(x2)=%g,length=%g\n',a,b,x1,xm,x2,f1,fm,
    f2,len);
41     else % if f(x1)>f(
    xm), we need to continue compare f(xm) with f(x2)
42         if(f2<fm)
43             a = xm;
44             xm = x2;
45             len = b-a;
46             x1 = a+len/4; % computing x1
47             ;
48             x2 = b-len/4; % computing x2
49             ;
50             fm=f(xm);
51             f1=f(x1);
52             f2=f(x2);
53             k=k+1;

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50         RF=RF+2;
51         fprintf(1, 'iteration: %d,RF=%d\n',k,RF);
52         fprintf(1, 'interval:(%g,%g),x1=%g,xm=%g,x2=%g,f(x1
           )=%g,f(xm)=%g,f(x2)=%g,length=%g\n',a,b,x1,xm,x2
           ,f1 ,fm ,f2 ,len);
53     else                                     % this means
        that f(x2)>=f(xm) so our interval will be (x1,x2)
54         a = x1;
55         b = x2;
56         len = b-a;
57         xm = (a + b)/2;
58         x1 = a+len/4;                       % computing x1
           ;
59         x2 = b-len/4;                       % computing x2
           ;
60         fm=f(xm);
61         f1=f(x1);
62         f2=f(x2);
63         k=k+1;
64         RF=RF+2;
65         fprintf(1, 'iteration: %d,RF=%d\n',k,RF);
66         fprintf(1, 'interval:(%g,%g),x1=%g,xm=%g,x2=%g,f(x1
           )=%g,f(xm)=%g,f(x2)=%g,length=%g\n',a,b,x1,xm,x2
           ,f1 ,fm ,f2 ,len);
67     end
68 end
69 end
70 fprintf(1, 'iteration: %d,RF=%d\n',k,RF);
71 fprintf(1, 'interval:(%g,%g),x1=%g,xm=%g,x2=%g,f(x1)=%g,f(xm)=%g
           ,f(x2)=%g,length=%g\n',a,b,x1,xm,x2 ,f1 ,fm ,f2 ,len);

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